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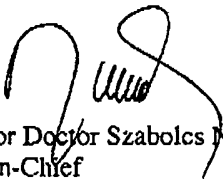
The 4/1998 issue (Vol. 11) of the Journal of Planar Chromatography - Modern TLC,
in which the paper entitled "The Performance of Planar Chromatography using Electroosmotic
Flow" authored by D. Nurok, M.C. Frost, C.L. Pritchard, and D.M. Chenoweth was included, was
published and publicly available on October 26, 1998. The delay in publication of the 4/1998 issue
was due to an internal staffing issue during the time in which the journal issue of interest was due to
publish. Specifically, the person responsible for compiling issues of the above-identified journal left

the institute after publication of issue 2 (March/April) in the spring of 1998. Ms. Agnes Kakuk assumed the journal compilation duties in June 1998. There was a delay during which Ms. Kakuk became familiar with the duties of this position. Ms. Kakuk was able to begin compiling issue 3 (May-June) of the above-identified journal at the end of July. Ms. Kakuk subsequently began compiling the issue of interest, issue 4 (July-August), after issue 3 was finished. For this reason, the 4/1998 issue (Vol. 11) of the Journal of Planar Chromatography - Modern TLC was delayed and did not publish until October 26, 1998

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